

# STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL



*Making a Difference in the Stillwater Valley, MT*

## Our Mission

We will provide an open forum in which all interested parties may work in a collaborative effort to sustain our rural quality of life and protect and enhance our natural resources. We are committed to research and educating our Stillwater Valley residents and the public about our watershed and the steps we can take to preserve and maintain the integrity of the river, the land and the beauty of our valley. We will endeavor to bring together public, private and government resources, funding and grants to achieve our goals.

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**SVWC Coordinator**

*"What you do today can  
improve your tomorrows."*

~Ralph Marston

## SVWC Hits the Million Dollar Mark

SINCE INCEPTION, THE MISSION OF THE SVWC has been to "bring together public, private and government resources, funding and grants to achieve our goals." This year, we have done just that!

With grant funds received for noxious weed control, hazardous fuels and water quality programs, the SVWC has surpassed the million dollar mark for funding received to pursue natural resource projects throughout the Stillwater watershed—all in under 10 years.

Since the beginning of the year, the SVWC has received confirmation of being awarded over \$275,000 for a five year noxious weed control project on federal land along the Beartooth Front (through a Fish, Wildlife and Parks Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program grant), \$20,000 to cost-share weed control on large acreage properties (from a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation grant), as well as \$5000 for small acreage properties (from local community foundation grants). Additionally, the irrigation infrastructure improvement project on the Yanzick/Brey-Riddle head gate/diversion got a significant boost from a bond through the DNRC for \$125,000.

These accomplishments wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous cooperation and partnerships the Council has built with public, private, government and community organizations!

*To date, SVWC grant  
tallies total over \$1.3  
million for natural  
resource improvement in the  
Stillwater watershed!*

## SAVE THE DATES!

**JULY 10** - Deadline to sign up for Small Acreage Cooperative Weed Control Program

**JULY 22-23** - CWCP Spray Days, Nye

**AUGUST 8** - Annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser, Anipro Event Center, Absarokee

**AUGUST 11** - Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye

**AUGUST 29** - Good Neighbor Gathering, Nye



## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

### SVWC Loses a Staunch Supporter



THE WORD “STAUNCH” in the handy thesaurus on my computer lists loyal, faithful, committed, devoted, dependable, and hardworking as synonyms. Each of these verbs could describe Cindy Green to a T.

Since 2012, the SVWC board has been blessed to have Cindy as a director, a number of those years serving as board chair. Cindy was an integral part of the SVWC board, always willing to volunteer before being asked and never hesitating to learn something new.

This past February the Stillwater Valley lost one of it’s finest long before she should have gone. Year after year, Cindy would come to SVWC’s biocontrol workshops giddy about getting to take home boxes of insects to help combat the Hertzler leafy spurge up Spring Creek; or, she would carry a backpack sprayer and help commercial applicators treat noxious weeds along the Stillwater River for the annual Cooperative Weed Control Program even though

she had a million other things to do on her own ranch.

Cindy always had great ideas, never being afraid to think outside the box. No matter how long her days were before coming to a board meeting, she always brought a smile and upbeat attitude.

It is not often that an organization is lucky enough to have committed volunteers as passionate about a cause as Cindy was for the SVWC. It is still hard to believe that we won’t see her smiling face anytime soon. Cindy, you won’t soon be forgotten and thank you for all you have done for the community.

*Lindsey*



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*Mark Your Calendars!*

*August 8:* ANNUAL BBQ & AUCTION FUNDRAISER,  
Anipro Event Center, Absarokee

ENJOY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT BY THE  
RENOWNED RINGLING 5!

Tickets go on sale July 1- \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and can be purchased at [www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com](http://www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com) or from any SVWC board member.

*\*\*Quality donations are welcome for the auction.*

*August 11:* ANNUAL STILLWATER RIVER FLOAT & WEED PULL, Nye

*\*\*There will again be a monetary incentive for youth organization participation!*



## SVWC SPECIAL PROJECTS—NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL



**WE MUST ALL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING OUR PROPERTY** to keep the Stillwater Valley from being infested with noxious weeds. According to the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act (7-22-2116), it is unlawful for any person to permit noxious weeds to propagate or go to seed on their land.

The SVWC is again offering Stillwater Valley landowners the opportunity to join with your neighbors in an effort to protect the natural ecosystem of the Stillwater Valley’s watershed.

### Cooperative Weed Control Program Continues for Small Acreage Owners

THIS SUMMER, THE SVWC WILL CONTINUE the "top-to-bottom" approach of weed management, expanding the program’s reach downriver and to tributaries that flow into the Stillwater River.

**With your membership of \$35 to the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, and pre-payment of \$85, we are offering you the following opportunities:**

- ◆ **Coordinate commercial applicators to perform chemical applications for noxious weed control;**
- ◆ **Cost-share chemical expenses for first year program enrollees;**
- ◆ **Provide on-site weed control consultation, when requested;**
- ◆ **Provide an educational campaign, providing management tools necessary to successfully maintain a weed-free area.**

This year, the SVWC will maintain the incentive of coordinating commercial applicators for participants in order to increase the efficiency and decrease the hassle and overall expense to landowners. However, with the foreseen decline in grant funding available for the CWCP this year, the SVWC is only able to cost-share chemical for initial landowner signups but will continue to provide the coordination and oversight efforts for all program enrollees.

If interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please complete the form on page 9 and return it to us by July 10 with appropriate payment. A fill-in application can also be completed on SVWC’s website at [www.StillwaterValleyWatershed.com](http://www.StillwaterValleyWatershed.com) under the section “About the SVWC” then “Weed Control”.

### SVWC Receives Funds for Large Acreage Noxious Weed Control Cost-Share

Earlier this year the SVWC received a grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to continue the cost-share program to control noxious weeds for large tract landowners who submit an application (found on page 9).

**Who is eligible?** Landowners owning greater than 20 acres with weed infestations located on, or adjacent to elk habitat. Cost-share for this program is prioritized by earliest request date (complete form on page 9). For landowners/managers having requested cost-share in the past, the SVWC Board of Directors will place a higher priority for cost-share on those that have developed a Weed Management Plan (WMP). A template WMP from the Stillwater Weed District can be found on SVWC’s website.

**What can you do?** If you would like to opportunity, please complete the “Large or go to our website under “Newsletters and Absarokee, MT 59019. The SVWC Board of and WMP prior to receipt of cost-share so the better!



participate and take advantage of this Acreage Cost-Share Request” form on page 9 Forms” and mail it to PO Box 112, Directors need to approve your application sooner your application is submitted, the

**Where can the funds be used?** If you are within the Stillwater Watershed’s hydrologic boundaries and have greater than 20 acres of land on, or adjacent to elk habitat you are eligible. The SVWC will reimburse landowners up to 50% of chemical and/or contractor services, not to exceed \$1,000. This reimbursement will occur in the fall, once an application records, expense receipts and maps of the application area(s) are received. Don’t forget, this cost-share opportunity is on a first come-first served basis until funding is exhausted. **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SIGN UP!**

## SVWC SPECIAL PROJECTS—NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL



### SVWC RECEIVES 5-YEAR, \$275,000 FWP GRANT FOR NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL ON FEDERAL LANDS ALONG BEARTOOTH FRONT

**SPOTTED KNAPWEED WAS BROUGHT INTO THE AREA** on equipment when the Anaconda Copper Company first began mining exploration in the Nye area in the 1950's. Once introduced, knapweed quickly spread throughout mine property onto adjacent Forest Service land and downstream along the Upper Stillwater River, further infesting private property in multiple drainages. Increased wildlife and recreational and hunting traffic has helped to spread spotted knapweed to epidemic proportions. Local landowners realize the enormous negative impacts spotted knapweed has on rangeland, wildlife and native vegetation and began combating the monumental task 30+ years ago.

Originally formed as a weed management organization, it is only fitting that the SVWC goes beyond the boundaries to aid in the mitigation of weed control efforts on federal land. Recently, the SVWC applied for and received over \$275,000 from the MT Fish Wildlife & Parks' Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program grant. This 5-year project will enhance collaboration and cooperative efforts of the US Forest Service along with adjacent small and large tract landowners as a common weed control mission is sought. This mission encompasses monitoring and treatment of noxious weeds within Custer-Gallatin National Forest, preventing further spread throughout the Stillwater watershed.

The target area encompasses approximately 220,000 acres of the upper Stillwater watershed from East Rosebud Creek to the Stillwater/Boulder hydrologic boundary on Custer-Gallatin National Forest Service property. The bordering communities include Nye, Dean, Fishtail and Roscoe.

**Why is a non-profit group assisting the USFS in their noxious weed control efforts?** The budget line item for noxious weed control for the Custer-Gallatin National Forest has been significantly reduced in recent years. Even at historical funding levels, the Forest Service has not been able to treat all known infestations. Grim budget forecasts reduce the ability of the adjacent federal agency to treat all of the known weed infestations within the Stillwater drainages on National Forest lands. Additional funding is imperative to make it possible to thoroughly provide adequate noxious weed management in the Stillwater watershed now and into the foreseeable future.

**“With the progressive work being done on adjacent private lands, it is important to do all that is necessary so that the decades of weed control efforts are not lost to further weed seed spread!”**

*Noel Keogh, Nye area rancher and lifelong weed warrior*

### Please, help us keep our mailing list efficient!

Please continue sending me SVWC mailings and information

Preferred method of correspondence

mail

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Please correct my name/address/e-mail address

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Please add to the SVWC's records my

\* phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to become an SVWC member (\$35/family)

Please remove me from your mailing list



*Return this section with your preferences to: SVWC, PO Box 112, Absarokee, MT 59001*

## SVWC SPECIAL PROJECTS—Water Quality

### Local Irrigation Project Gets a \$125,000 Boost

**THE YANZICK AND BREY-RIDDLE IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RECENTLY RECEIVED A SECOND \$125,000 GRANT** from the Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) Renewable Resource Grant/Loan (RRGL) program, enabling the completion of both Phases I and II.

In 2014, the SVWC sponsored Upper Stillwater Assessment report was released which ranked the Yanzick and Brey-Riddle Ditches as high and medium priorities for the watershed. Because these projects also ranked high on the SVWC and SCD’s priority list, with close proximity of the two headgates and the interaction between the diversions, it was a clear decision by both boards to address this as one project and pursue options to cost-share the monumental concept.

Working with Chad Raisland of Pioneer Technical Services, Inc, a DNRC RRGL grant was awarded in 2017 for \$125,000 for Phase I of the project. Subsequently, Phase II funding was approved earlier this year. Although funding was not initially allocated for the second phase of the Yanzick/Brey-Riddle diversions, the passing of House Bill 652 enabled projects like this and others around the state fund proposals that conserve, manage, develop and protect Montana’s renewable resources for future generations.

This project, the first ever for the SVWC who teamed with the Stillwater Conservation District (SCD), landowners and water users on the two ditches, hopes to improve water use and overall functionality of the structures. Permitting and final engineering plans are currently underway with the intent of having the project completed before the 2020 irrigation season.

#### What is House Bill 652?

In a nutshell, HB 652 is an act that provided funding and authorization for capital and infrastructure projects statewide in order to create and deliver local assistance grant programs for infrastructure. These appropriations must go through the DNRC RRGL program under the Reclamation and Development Grants program.

Through HB 652, the Department of Commerce is authorized to make up to \$21.5 million in grants to local governments impacted by natural resource development infrastructure projects. Of the total grant funds authorized, \$10.75 million must be distributed to local governments for aforementioned infrastructure. The other \$10.75 million must be distributed to local governments for school district infrastructure projects.

### The Stillwater Conservation District & 310 Permits

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**PLANNING WORK IN, OR NEAR, A STREAM BED? HAVE YOU HEARD OF 310 PERMITS?** Montana’s Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, also known as the 310 Law, is a state law requiring any person planning to work in, or near, a perennial stream or river (on private or public land) to first obtain a 310 Permit from the local conservation district.

The 310 Law insures projects on perennial streams be carried out in ways that are not damaging to the stream, its banks, or to adjoining landowners.

#### PERMIT PROCESS:

1. **Application** - Complete and submit the Joint Application Form. Forms can be obtained at the local SCD office in Columbus. Once completed, submit applications to SCD Administrator, Sharon Fletmetis. Applications are then reviewed at SCD Advisory Board meetings which are open to the public (applicants are strongly encouraged to attend).

2. **Site Inspection** - An on-site inspection date is set upon receipt of the 310 application. The team consists of an SCD representative, the area MT FWP fisheries biologist and the landowner/landowner representative. The team will discuss the project on site.

After an inspection is conducted, team members make recommendations to the SCD at a regular meeting

3. **Decision** - During the next 310-meeting, applications are approved, modified, or denied for a permit.

<https://www.stillwatercd.org>



## SVWC SPECIAL PROJECTS—Forest Health



Caring for your forest land—FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP!

**YOUR FOREST LAND ALONG THE BEARTOOTH FRONT IS A TREASURE.** Through proactive management, you can keep it that way. The SVWC has an ongoing project dedicated to connecting forest landowners, like many of you within this watershed, with resources to help manage your land for your priorities.

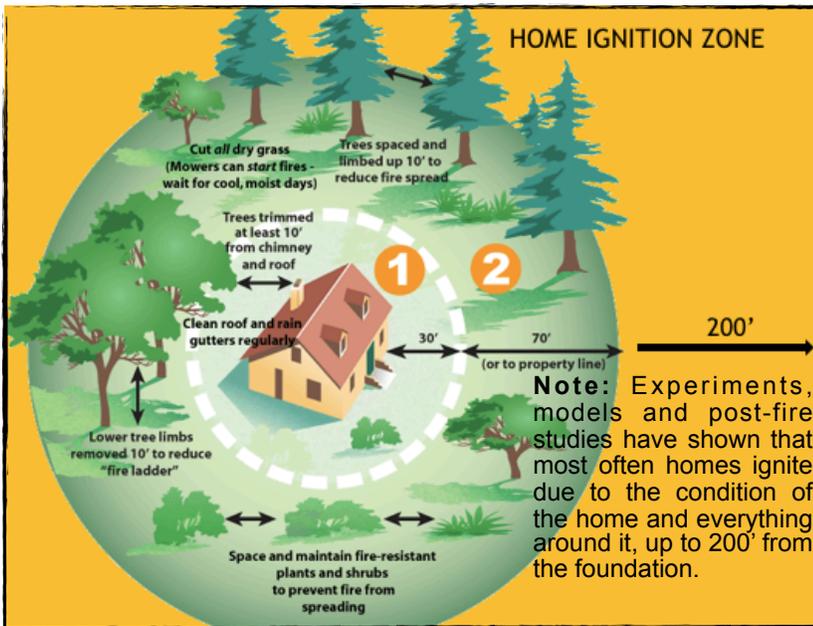
*For a limited time, the SVWC is offering a **FREE** site visit from a local forester!*

**A forester can answer a variety of questions including:**

- \* How do I protect my forest and home from wildfire, insects and diseases?
- \* How can I attract more wildlife to my property?
- \* How can I leave my land better than when I got it?

**Who qualifies?** Landowners in the Stillwater watershed, located in the outlying areas of Absarokee, Nye, Fishtail, Dean and Roscoe, with small tract forests or forested rangeland areas along the Beartooth Front qualify for this program provided by the SVWC. Cost-share funds are available to help improve your Home Ignition Zone.

**Do you know your home’s ignition zone?** Definition: A perimeter of 200 feet around the home and its surroundings. Below is a diagram of a home ignition zone.



**How do you participate?**

Simply fill out the form on page 9 of this newsletter and mail it to SVWC at PO Box 112, Absarokee, MT 59001.

*“The Fuels Reduction program is a wonderful opportunity for landowners. From the initial contact to the intense survey of the area, I was impressed with the professionalism and knowledge of the forester. Suggestions and guidance were offered, but the landowner makes the final decision. The results were amazing! My new view is much improved and I feel better about protecting my home in the case of fire.”*

*Shirley Howard, Nye*

**Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project**



## KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR INVASIVE GRASSES

### Ventenata

Adapted from MontGuide MT201810AG by Audrey Harvey and Jane Mangold, Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, MSU

**VENTENATA, ALSO KNOWN AS WIREGRASS OR** North African grass, is a non-native winter annual grass that is relatively new to Montana and has the potential to impact range, pasture, wild lands, and annual crops. Its low forage value and shallow root structure can lead to decreased agricultural production and increased risk of soil erosion.

**History and status:** Ventenata originates from eastern Europe and was first found in North America in the early 1950s in Washington and Idaho, and first documented in Montana in the mid-1990s. Ventenata infests about 55,000 acres in Montana. Infestations occur in native rangeland, pastures, and along roadsides in Carbon, Flathead, Gallatin, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Ravalli, and Sanders Counties (Figure 1).

**Identification:** Ventenata is a winter annual grass that typically grows 6-18 inches tall. It has a distinguishing long, membranous ligule with reddish-black nodes along the stem. Seedlings and mature leaves are narrow and folded lengthwise. Ventenata seeds have bent and twisted awns (Figure 2).

Not to be confused with Cheatgrass or downy brome and Japanese brome. At the seedling stage, the leaves of cheatgrass and Japanese brome seedlings are twisted and hairier than ventenata. Ventenata seedlings emerge later and are thinner, more needle-like. At maturity, ventenata has awns like cheatgrass and Japanese brome but awns of ventenata are bent and twisted. In addition, cheatgrass turns reddish-purple upon maturity while ventenata remains green to tawny brown.

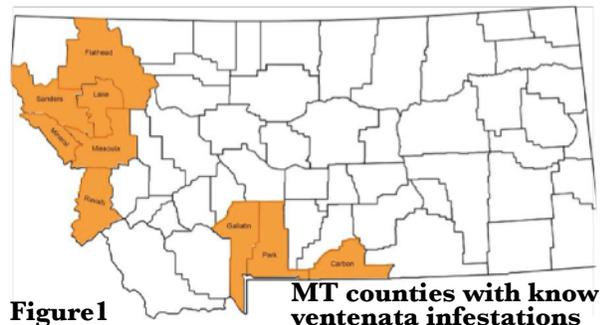
**Habitat:** Ventenata mostly germinates in fall, but some germination can take place in spring. Ventenata can invade rangeland, pastures, winter grain and hay fields, CRP lands, and sagebrush steppe habitats. It can grow in areas with moderate annual precipitation ranging from 14-44 inches and elevations ranging from 33-5,900 feet.

**Spread:** Ventenata reproduces by seeds. Each plant produces about 15-35 seeds. Dense stands of ventenata can produce from 2,800-3,700 seeds/ft<sup>2</sup>. It is known to spread via roadways and contaminated forage. Contaminated seeds from Idaho and Washington are suspected as a major source for infestations in Montana. Awns can easily attach to fur, clothing, and machinery.

**Impacts:** Invasive grasses such as ventenata may degrade plant communities and reduce suitable habitat for livestock and wildlife. Ventenata is generally unpalatable for livestock and wildlife as it matures and can decrease forage value. Prevention and early detection can help slow the spread of new invaders and maintain weed-free areas.

**Management:** Foremost, maintaining healthy productive stands of perennial grasses and early detection of infestations can limit invasion by ventenata. Mowing has limited success for small infestations as the wiry grass and bent-nature of the awns are difficult to cut and risk of a second flush of seeds may occur. Studies have been conducted to determine the efficacy of certain herbicides.

**State Priority Listing Update:** The Montana Department of Agriculture has proposed to amend ARM 4.5.208 pertaining to the State Noxious Weed List (Priority 2A). The Noxious Weed Listing Workgroup recommended adding ventenata to the Priority 2A list at its meeting on March 21, 2019. The amendment will be adopted on June 21, 2019.



**If you suspect ventenata, contact the Stillwater Weed District at 322-1105 or MSU Extension at 322-8035.**



## ~2019 SVWC Memberships~

**2019 marks the 9th year since SVWC's inception! WE TRULY APPRECIATE the support garnered by constituents over the years as we have grown and developed as an organization. It is our hope that SVWC programs and opportunities offered to you will continue to grow and enhance your watershed!**

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# Stillwater Valley Watershed Council

## Program Enrollment & Membership Form



Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Stillwater County Property Location: (physical address, subdivision, lot):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate # of acres in the project (include acres infested with noxious weeds or acres enrolled in fuels reduction program):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply, sign and return.**

I am interested in participating SVWC's programs: weed control\*\*, water project, hazardous fuels reduction or:  
\_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Cost-share for SVWC's large acreage weed control program is prioritized by earliest request date. For landowners/managers that have requested cost-share in the past, the SVWC Board of Directors will place a higher priority for cost-share on those that have developed a Weed Management Plan (WMP). A template WMP from the Stillwater Weed District can be found on SVWC's website at: [www.StillwaterValleyWatershed.com](http://www.StillwaterValleyWatershed.com) under "Newsletters and Forms".*

I am interested in developing a WMP for the purpose of this project.

Enclosed is my current WMP.

Please assist me in developing a WMP

I'd rather not complete a WMP.

Yes, I want to join the SVWC. Enclosed is \$35 for annual membership.

I do not wish to participate in SVWC's weed control projects but in doing so, recognize that I am required to comply with the existing Montana Noxious Weed Law.

I am already a member of the SVWC.

Please indicate your contact information and property location even if you do not wish to participate in the program. This will let us know if we have made contact with all landowners.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE RETURN TO: PO BOX 112, ABSAROKEE MT 59001**

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*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."*

- Henry Ford

We are a volunteer group of local residents and interested representatives working together to enhance the quality of our rural Montana lifestyle by protecting, restoring and conserving our abundant natural resources through good stewardship and community involvement for this and future generations.

# STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL



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